

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For : ASPIRATING AND MIXING OF LIQUIDS WITHIN A PROBE TIP

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 2, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.